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OFF THE TRAIL

ROBERT BENTLEY · GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA



Whether you're reading this note because of interest in playing Alabama's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, or staying in one of the Trail's exceptional hotels, I'm delighted to welcome you.

It was just over 20 years ago when the Retirement Systems of Alabama started building public golf courses to provide exceptional recreation opportunities—and to help the state recruit industry. As Governor, I am happy to say the Trail is achieving its goals.

The 11 Trail locations are a great “calling card” for industrial recruitment. Many of the prospects I meet with have heard of these acclaimed courses, and some have played golf here. Corporate CEOs looking to expand know the courses contribute to the quality of life that makes our state so desirable.

Most importantly, Alabama's workforce is world-class. Our aerospace scientists and engineers literally put astronauts on the moon 44 years ago. Right now, Airbus is building its first U.S.—based production facility right here in Alabama. And in less than a generation, our state has become the fifth busiest in terms of auto manufacturing.

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Likewise, if you're coming to Alabama primarily for sunshine and great golf, I welcome you all the same. We're honored to have you here.

Sincerely,

Robert Bentley
Governor



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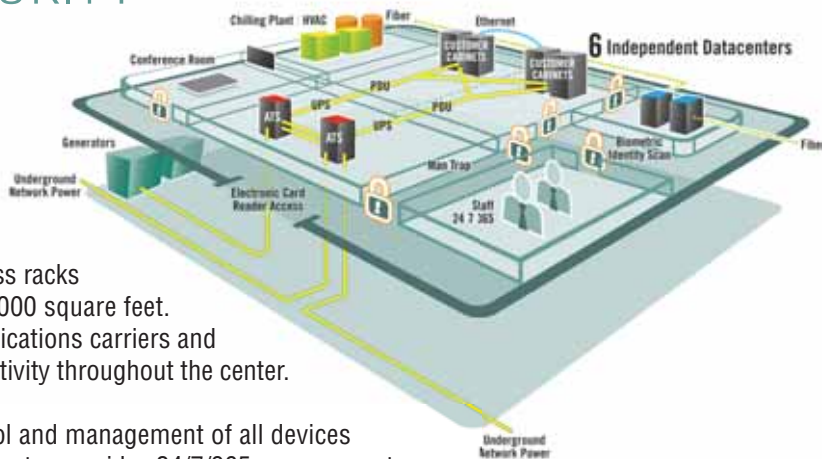
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BORDERING THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE FAIRWAY,
EVERYTHING ENGULFED IN THE BEAUTY OF ALABAMA.

» BY TOMMY HICKS



Certainly, each of the 400-plus holes that comprise the golf courses of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail each have their own distinction, their own signature and allure. To be sure, the Trail is a terrific and challenging golf venue.

But a boardroom?

Yes indeed. In fact, the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail not only is the most unique and creative of golf ventures and addresses, it is also one of Alabama's greatest producers of economic punch. Dr. David Bronner's vision for the Trail, when originally conceived, was to provide economic strength for the Retirement Systems of Alabama. It has certainly achieved that goal. But in the Trail's 20

Golfers make sure to mark their scorecards, and the scorecard for the Trail and its place in the state's golf industry is stellar. The golf industry in Alabama generated a total economic impact of \$1.5 billion in 2010, supporting 21,221 jobs with a wage income of \$458.8 million. What's more, the size of the direct golf economy for Alabama that year was approximately \$808.1 million, which makes it comparable to other key industries in the state such as the production of resin, rubber and artificial fibers (\$2.5 billion), aerospace products and parts (\$1.3 billion), and crops (\$818.7 million).

Golf, most notable the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, brings thousands of visitors to the state each year, visitors that not only add revenue to the state

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years it has led the way in creating a golf industry in the state that not only has generated a significant economic impact, but has played a key role in bringing new business and industry to Alabama.

And what better boardroom to discuss such business and to sell the many offerings Alabama has to offer than the comfort of a tee box or green or seated at a clubhouse restaurant? What better place, indeed, than one of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail courses?

The Trail not only is where visitors and residents alike go to test their golf skills, it's where business leaders go to initiate plans for new industry for Alabama, new job opportunities and greater economic impact.

directly attributed to golf, but also has a huge role in increasing restaurant and hotel revenues and a variety of other goods and services. Just as importantly, it enhances future growth for the state and hospitality and tourism.

Alabama's 252 golf courses, nine stand-alone ranges and 10 miniature golf facilities generated \$473.4 million in revenues in 2010, which far exceeds the combined annual revenue of University of Alabama and Auburn University football and basketball revenues, which were approximately \$158.4 million in 2009-10. Three professional golf tournaments — LPGA events in Mobile and Prattville and a Champions Tour event in Birmingham generated \$9 million, excluding the tournament purses and costs for TV broadcasting.

Golf in Alabama isn't just fun and entertaining, it's big business. And the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail is at the forefront of both spectrums.

Perhaps the most important aspect of the Trail and its relation to the enhancement and creation of new business in the state and the economic impact that produces is its impact on the perception of Alabama to those who live outside its borders.

"It has made a difference in Alabama," Dr. Bronner was quoted as saying in a *Birmingham News* article that centered on the celebration of the Trail's 20th anniversary. "It has given people a reason to stop in Alabama as opposed to passing through Alabama."

It has also contributed greatly to having businesses visit and build in Alabama rather than looking elsewhere.

are all part of a much greater development project that brings credibility to everything the state of Alabama is trying to do to grow not only tourism but industry itself.

"Golf is used to help sell manufacturers on locating their manufacturing plants in Alabama. It's not just how many people fly in here to play golf and spend the night in our hotels, which is crucial of course to what we do for the Retirement Systems, but it's the overall economic impact. ...When I travel and I'm wearing a Trail shirt, every time, someone will tell me, 'I want to play the Trail' or 'I can't wait to go back and play the Trail again.' And when they get here, they realize the diversity from the Gulf Coast all the way up to Huntsville and The Shoals and Birmingham and everything in between and the beauty of it and its people."



"All of us with all of our community partners and business partners, have consistently been able to show travelers from all over the world that Alabama has so much to offer – the beauty of the state, the quality of the golf we provide, the hospitality and the business environment. All those things combine to make companies from all over the world want to make Alabama their home," said John Cannon, president and CEO of SunBelt Golf, which operates the Trail.

"One of the great things that attracted me to Alabama in the beginning was that I was a part of something bigger than selling an 18-hole green fee. All 1,000 or so employees of SunBelt Golf and the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail

It is often said that golf is a game for a lifetime. In Alabama and especially along the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, it is also a game that enhances one's life by way of its economic impact, its creation of jobs, its role in luring new businesses to the state, its dramatic impact in hospitality and tourism, the funds it generates for several charities through a variety of tournaments and other events and its impact in terms of quality of life for its citizens.

Yes, the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail is a boardroom and it's unlike any other. ■

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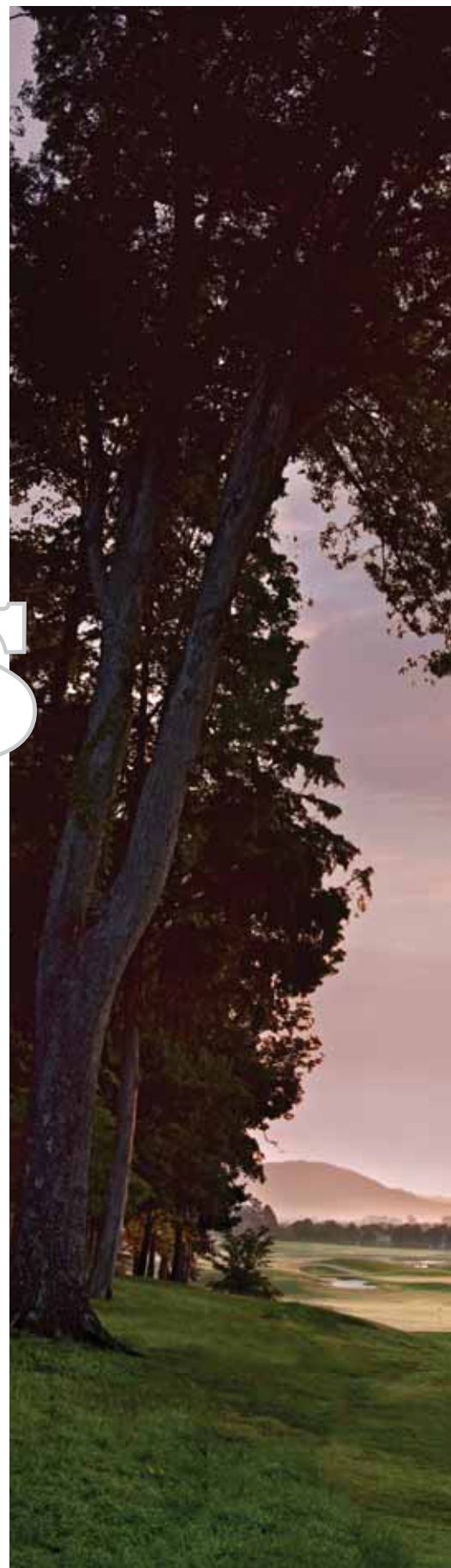
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CELEBRATING ITS  BIRTHDAY, ALABAMA'S
ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL REMAINS THE BEST VALUE IN GOLF

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With the state's loyalties divided between the Alabama and Auburn football teams, let's beat the tie: Alabama's No. 1 sports draw is the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. As golf attractions go, it's unequalled in the U.S. simply for offering a large quantity of world-class golf at municipal course prices. Two decades after it opened, the Robert Trent Jones Trail now boasts 11 sites, each within 30 minutes of the interstate and no more than a two-hour drive from course to course. Since kicking off in 1992, sites such as Ross Bridge, near Birmingham, and Lakewood, in Point Clear, have upped the quality and made fine lodging a higher priority than it was in the early days. Still, the Trail is defined by the consistency of value of its 468 holes. Every one of the 27-, 36- and 54-hole facilities features pristine, back-to-nature settings and challenging layouts that are relentlessly long, tough, and boldly bunkered, with most tee times priced between \$46 and \$81 year-round. Other regional and theme course collections have sprung up to challenge Alabama's supremacy, but none has enjoyed this level of success. Happy birthday, RTJ Golf Trail—here's to another 20 great years.

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LPGA'S ALABAMA SLAM

What is it about Alabama? For professional golfer Stacy Lewis, Alabama means two LPGA wins in 2012, or as some are calling it, the Bama Slam. Stacy won the 2012 Mobile Bay LPGA Classic in April and the 2012 Navistar LPGA Classic in September. Both of these wins came on Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Courses with the Mobile Bay LPGA Classic played at Magnolia Grove and the Navistar LPGA Classic played at Capitol Hill.



“I don’t know what it is about Alabama,” Lewis said. “I don’t know if it’s the Bermuda grass. It’s kind of what I grew up on in Texas. I love playing these kinds of courses where you just have to hit good shots. If you don’t hit good shots, you are not rewarded. I like that. It’s hard, and you can make birdies, but you have to hit the shots.”

Stacy finished first in the 2012 Navistar LPGA Classic, ahead of 2011 champion, Lexi Thompson. Lexi finished second in 2012. Both players enjoy calling Alabama “Sweet Home” during the tournaments and upheld specific traditions in both LPGA Alabama events. Lexi visited the Waffle House every morning and flipped the coin at the Prattville High School football game. Stacy stayed in the same hotel she stays in every year for the tournament in Prattville. Staff at the Waffle House and at the hotel knows Lexi and Stacy by name and cheer them on each day throughout the tournament.

Stacy and Lexi also finished first and second respectively in the 2012 Mobile Bay LPGA Classic where Stacy defeated Lexi by only one stroke. Stacy also won the Shoprite LPGA Classic in June. Sweeping the Alabama events and gaining a third 2012 win helped Stacy join top ranked Yani Tseng in becoming the only players to have won three times in 2012. Stacy was named Rolex Player of the Year in 2012, becoming the first U.S.-born player to do so in nearly two decades.



Left: Winner of the 2011 Navistar LPGA Classic at age 16, Lexi Thompson finished second in both Alabama LPGA events in 2012.

Right: Stacy Lewis approaches the 18th hole on Prattville’s Senator Course in the Navistar LPGA Classic.

“Winning never gets easier,” Stacy said. “It might have looked easy out there but it was hard. Every shot was stressful and on this golf course with one swing you can make a double pretty easy. I had some adrenaline going at the end,” said Lewis after winning on the Senator Course at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Capitol Hill.

For Stacy, winning any LPGA tournament seemed like a dream possibly out of reach at one time. Stacy spent more than seven years in a back brace as she battled scoliosis. Following her high school graduation, Stacy had back surgery and a titanium rod and five screws were implanted in her back. For six months she was unable to bend, twist or lift over five pounds.

She went to the University of Arkansas three months after her surgery and red-shirted her freshman year on the golf team. Though unable to play, Stacy still attended practice every day with the team and used that time to talk with coaches and learn more about the game. “It really taught me how to think my way around the course, and it also made me appreciate what I get to do,” Stacy said. Though she feared she might never be able to play at the highest level, Stacy’s swing came back naturally following her recovery.

Since turning pro in 2008, Stacy has won four LPGA tournaments total, two of her wins coming on Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail courses. She continues to come closer to reaching her end goal of becoming the No.1 player in the world. The Trail looks forward to hosting Stacy again in 2013 and helping her achieve her goals. Stacy clearly loves Alabama and Alabama loves Stacy as well.

Q&A WITH STACY LEWIS AFTER WINNING THE 2012 NAVISTAR LPGA CLASSIC

Q: You have a six-point lead over Jiyai Shin with just a few events remaining in this year. If you would just tell us how it feels to be champion here in Prattville.

A: It’s unbelievable. I mean, winning never gets easier. I think it might have looked easy out there but it was hard. Every shot was stressful, and I know on this golf course with one swing you can make a double pretty easy. I had some adrenaline going there at the end. I played great today, I just got off to kind of a rough start but kind of righted the ship at the middle of the round and just played really solid coming in.

Q: Yesterday you started off superhot, four birdies through the first five holes. Today you bogeyed 2, you bounced back with a birdie, but just talk about the start and the fact that some other players started to climb the leaderboard while you were staying steady.

A: Yeah, on purpose I didn’t look at the leaderboard, especially after the start I got off to; definitely not what I was looking for. I think I was kind of thinking about Player of the Year race, what will it mean if I won and all that kind of stuff. I made the birdie on 5 and that really kind of got me back to today and focusing on this round and today and not worrying about anything else. If it was meant to be, it was meant to be. I started making putts and played good on the back nine, so I guess it was.

Q: On the back nine there was a little charge from Lexi, who had seven birdies on the day and also birdied 10, 11 and 12 in a row to get pretty close to your lead. Did you know that was happening? Did you look at the leaderboard?

A: I honestly had no idea. I knew Angela was within a couple all day. I didn’t know Lexi was within 1 until we got to 16. That was the only time all day that I actually knew what was going on. So I knew making birdie there on 16 was huge to just kind of give me that cushion. Then, I knew she was through 17, I didn’t know if she birdied 18 so there were kind of some unknowns there. But I hit a great drive on 18 and did what I needed to going into the green and looked up and saw a two-shot lead and I was good to go.

Q: With the win you regain or you’re projected to regain your No. 2 spot on the Rolex Rankings, which you’ve previously held. You also get your second win in Alabama. We’re calling it the Alabama Slam, a combined 35 under par in eight rounds on the RTJ Golf Trail. Just talk about Alabama and what this year has been like in this state for you.

A: Yeah, I don’t know what it is. I don’t know if it’s the Bermuda grass, and it’s kind of what I grew up on in Texas. You know, it can get windy here and I’m used to that. I don’t know what it is. I like playing these kinds of courses where you have to hit good shots. If you don’t hit good shots, you’re not rewarded and I like that. I mean, I like that it’s hard and you can make birdies but you’ve got to hit the shots.

Q: How do you feel about this particular course and the reception that you’ve gotten from the community here in Prattville?



A: It's been great all week. You know, the fans, I could tell throughout the day kind of where I stood just kind of how people were reacting and cheering. We had great support there throughout the week. I mean, I love playing in Alabama. This course hasn't treated me well until the last two years, so I don't know what changed that all of a sudden I started playing well on it. The course is in unbelievable shape this year, the greens were perfect. It was a really good test this week.

Q: Stacy, you said earlier this year you had kind of already achieved some of the goals you set out for yourself at the start of the year. With this paycheck you're increasing an already career best season money total, you're in the hunt to be the first American to be Player of the Year since 1994. Just talk about resetting your goals and whether you're willing to share how that works.

A: Yeah, I mean, after I won in Atlantic City, I definitely blew all my goals out, that's when I became the top American. I had won a couple times; those were kind of my two main goals. Now I have my sights set on Yani. I think I've got the game to get there and it's just got to keep chipping away at Yani's lead. You know, this definitely helps a lot. Going forward just for the rest of this year, it's the same thing, giving myself a chance to win on Sunday and keep putting myself in contention and let the rest take care of itself.

Q: What does it mean to have your father here watching you win?

A: It's really special. You know, he actually caddied for me in Hawaii earlier this year because my caddie had a death in the family. It didn't go very well and we

kind of sat down afterwards and kind of, you know, figured out what I needed to do off the course and needed their help a little bit to kind of help just get me more balanced and figure things out. So that's kind of the reason that he wasn't there for the first two wins this year. And I didn't want him to get a complex thinking that without him there, I could only win without him there. It's awesome to have my dad here and for him to be able to share in this. He gave me a hug afterwards and he was shaking, so that's why he's not on the bag anymore. He lives and dies with what I do and he's always keeping track of it, so I'm just glad he could be here to share this one with me.

Q: You said earlier that winning doesn't get any easier. Surely there's something though now that you feel like you're better at in closing?

A: Yeah, definitely. I was definitely a lot more comfortable coming down the stretch knowing that I could hit the shots and knowing how to handle my nerves and knowing that I'm going to hit a drive probably 300 yards on the last hole, and just knowing how your body reacts to the pressure I think helps you a lot. I don't know, I don't know, I felt a lot more comfortable just coming into the round. I got off to a bad start and I knew to just stay patient, to hang in there. I told my caddie I just needed one putt to go in and I made the putt on 9 and I knew from there I was good to go.

Q: Stacy, congratulations and all the best to you.

A: Thank you. ■

ON THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RTJ TRAIL,
DAVID G. BRONNER
ON HOW AND
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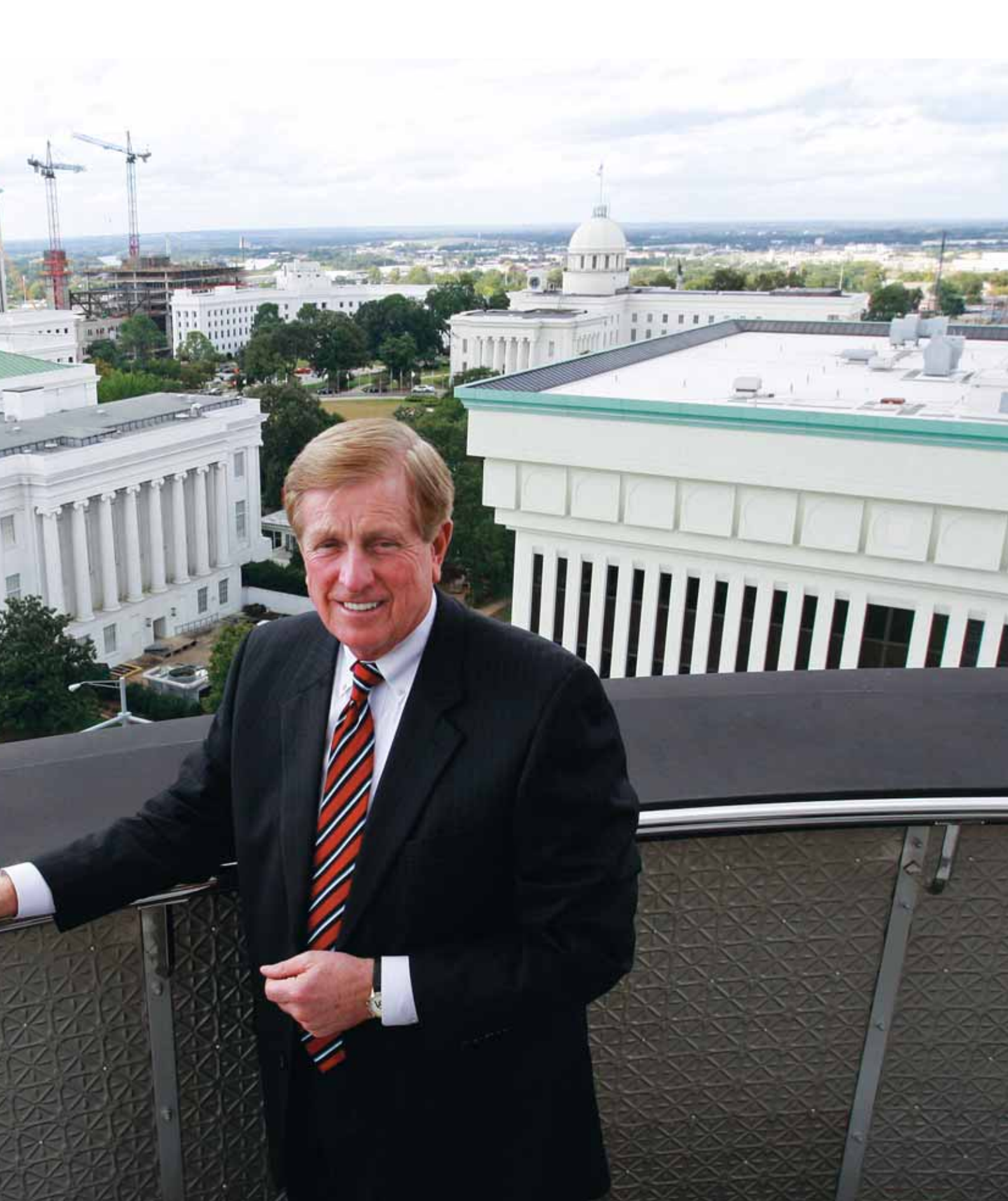
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FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2012 – After President Obama, David G. Bronner may be the most powerful golf nut on the planet. He's the 67-year-old CEO of Retirement Systems of Alabama, a collection of state-employee pension funds whose assets total nearly \$30 billion. Among the investments he oversees are television stations, newspapers, a Manhattan office tower, the PCH Resorts & Hotels group and, most famously, Alabama's 11-site Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.

Known throughout the state as "Dr. Bronner"—he has a law degree and a PhD in finance from the University of Alabama—he's the guy who dreamed up the Trail and got it built. On the occasion of its 20th anniversary, the blunt and occasionally profane CEO joined a late May celebration at Oxmoor Valley outside Birmingham, the first Trail course laid out by Jones and his design associate, Roger Rulewich. *Golf Digest's* Peter Finch caught up with Bronner over breakfast, where they talked about the Trail's past and its immediate future.





Congratulations on your 20th anniversary.
Well, thank you. I wasn't sure we'd make it!

Really? It wasn't obvious you'd survive?
No! I wasn't sure we'd make it at all.

What were the big surprises over those first years?
The big surprise, getting out of the chute, was we had to find numerous sites and go build them at the same time. As Roger [Rulewich] was saying yesterday, it's one thing to build eight courses, but when you built eight at the same time and you multiply it because the smallest facility is 36 holes and the biggest one is 54 holes, that's a whole lot more than eight courses. The big thing was coordinating everything.

Why did you feel you had to do it all at once?
I felt that if I didn't do it, nobody else would. Or that it would be a failure for sure. You gotta get it to a big enough size that you can attract somebody from California to come. You can't just throw up one or two or three little courses. You had to have a product and a mass that would get somebody's attention.

only one who took you seriously. Are you prepared to reveal who the others were?

Nah. I'll wait until they're all dead. Or I'm dead. Then I'll let you know. They were all the majors. Most of them basically didn't take you seriously. I was trying to be a good little bureaucrat, sending out [requests for proposals]. Trent was the only one who picked up the phone and called. He said, "What the hell are you talking about?"

Is the Trail profitable for the Retirement System?

Marginally. We get a return of about \$300,000 a month from the company that operates it, year to year. So it's \$3.6 million a year, which is not a return that anybody in my profession would be proud of. But it's positive. And it's better than any U.S. government Treasury I could get right now, less than 1 percent. It's been averaging in the 2-4 percent range, depending on the real estate valuation.

Is that different from what you expected?

No. I mean, I always expected the Trail to be a loss leader. In order to pull you into the hotels that make money, or the spas that make

“Most of them basically didn't take you seriously. I was trying to be a good little bureaucrat, sending out [requests for proposals]. Trent was the only one who picked up the phone and called. He said, “What the hell are you talking about?””

First of all, what reputation [Alabama] had was negative. It's sort of like I told governors before: People are coming with low expectations. So if they come with low expectations and your hotel is called “The Lodge,” are they thinking there are some rockers outside with the old dog and a beer can laying there? Or do you have hotels that are better than any they've ever been in?

You have to take that the same way with the level of the golf courses. And if Trent were alive, he'd tell you he never had an opportunity to do anything like he did at Opelika. I mean, nobody gives you a 1,700-acre finger lake and says, “You can put as many holes as you want on the water.” Trent used to tell me that the big developers would say, “OK, you get a hole on the water, a par 3 along the water and you get another one going away.”

And then you have sites like Prattville that are unlike any in the world, at least to me. You can walk out either side of the door and have a 100 percent different golf course. Not a 10 percent difference or a 50 percent difference but 100 percent. You go from a true links to a Southern wooded course to the third door, where you have a true water course. Literally, 15 or 16 holes on the Judge have water on them. The Links Course has one tree on it and no water. I mean, that's unusual.

You've said you wrote to a handful of architects about the Trail, seeking bids before you began, and Robert Trent Jones was the

money, or the bars that make money, I had to have a vehicle. I could have the best hotels in the world, but if I didn't have great golf, there's no reason to come here. Unless you're old and want to just sit around, there's no reason to go to a hotel.

So when you talk about the \$300,000 a month, you mean the golf only - not the hotels.

Oh no, the hotels are a multimillion-dollar operation. But you've gotta have something to get people there. Golf was my vehicle to say, “How can I make Alabama unique?” OK, we know they've got all kinds of golf courses in Florida. But they're flat. And there's no place on the golf course to go but straight ahead, left or right. So if you have that, what's unique? In California, it's the scenery, the distinctive courses. What's unique about the Trail is the topography of Alabama. It's not like most places. You can literally drive an hour and 15 minutes and have a totally different game than what you're used to.

You can go to a little town called Greenville, Ala., the first town south of Montgomery. Before the Trail, there was what we called a House of Turkey—it sold turkey on the way to the beach—and one hotel. That was it. Now they have nine motels. And more importantly to me, a new high school. Generated by golf. Generated by the taxes off those nine motels. That's what makes me happy and excited about the Trail.

So what's next for the Trail?

For the next year or so we're working on making sure we've got outstanding programs for the LPGA. And we're working on enhancing the golf experience.

You have to remember that when we started the Trail, Alabama was either 49th or 50th for access to public golf. So we obviously had no public golfers. Because you had no place to play. You have to get a local base. And we're slowly doing that. Slowly, slowly, slowly.

It helps that people have become more prosperous. Twenty years ago, we didn't have Mercedes. We didn't have Hyundai. We didn't have all these great companies with jobs that made people middle-class citizens. We had dirt-poor people. They didn't have time for golf. And god bless 'em, because I wouldn't either. They were trying to survive. But now you've got jobs with Hyundai, Mercedes, Navistar that pay people \$50,000-\$70,000 with just minimum overtime. Take you back 20 years and if you were making \$22,000 or \$18,000, you thought you were in heaven.

The emphasis is [also] trying to restore the travel that we had prior to the Great Recession...or the Great Depression...of 2008. We had a good trend line going. 2008 hurt us but we're trying to get that trend line going again.

Like any business, you have to have a hook. The marketing team came up with the innovative idea of celebrating the 20th anniversary on the 20th of every month. It's 20 bucks to play on the 20th. We had 1,850 people play at Prattville over the last weekend. That's unbelievable.

You've got poor people in the state and the country club people in the state. With the \$20 on the 20th deal, you're exposing yourself to that golfer who thinks golf should be \$15. He's going to go back to his \$15 course and say, "Why am I here? I'm going back over there." Second thing, the average golfer plays less than 10 times a year. So if you're that golfer, you can play all your golf at the Trail this year for 20 bucks a round. The other thing, it allows that country club guy to break out of his set and go see something different. Put all that together and you're growing an industry that everybody else says is dying.

This summer we had another deal where you can pay \$150 and get unlimited golf for three days. You can play 54 holes a day. I tried that one time, by the way. I started at seven and finished at seven. Talk about out of gas! The last two shots I just kicked. But the young guy who's really into golf, he can pay \$150, including cart and range balls.

That's quite a bargain.

It's not just cheap—it's good. That's a big difference. It's a lot like Hyundai, the great automaker with a big presence here in Alabama. When it first came to the U.S., people thought it was cheap and bad. Now it's known as cheap and REALLY good. That's how I want people to think of the RTJ Trail.

Are you concerned by all these other states that have started their own "golf trails"?

No, because it's a joke to me. I think it's funny. If you come to our Trail and then go to one of theirs, you'll say, "What in the world have I done to myself?"

To me, it's very beneficial. They don't have the guts to put in enough money to make it work. Whether it's Virginia or Mississippi or Louisiana, whether they put in \$5 million or \$6 million, who really cares?

You have to understand that we're putting out there \$50 million to \$60 million. We've got an advertising budget that can compete with Florida. That was one of my objectives when I started the TV and newspaper companies. Florida was drilling everybody in the late 70s and 80s and 90s. If you looked at their operating budget, they were \$25 million to \$35 million. OK, well, I can do a good job if you give me the firepower of \$30 million! You give me the firepower of \$1 million, which was the firepower of Virginia or West Virginia's last deal, and I'm going "Hahaha! That won't even get you on tonight's news but twice!"

You need to keep your message out there. And you have to make sure everything stays fresh. Like I'll send a message to my hotel people after we're done here. There are certain spots in the hotel that will have high traffic and that carpet's got to be changed. You're talking to an old janitor. That's how I worked my way through college. In a presidential suite—which is the ticket we'll give to people who bring 75 rooms or 100 rooms, and not even charge them for it—you've got to know that the bedroom is not going to get nearly the utilization of the parlor. Like last night we had 40 people in there. There's going to be a lot more traffic, so the carpet and the furniture has to be replaced sooner. You want to be able to have that image, so the next guy who comes in the presidential suite says, "Wow!" and not, "This is all worn out."

So you're involved in that level of detail, throughout the system? The golf courses too?

Well, for example yesterday, I noticed the first par 5 down the hill, has one of those big plastic boxes covering the irrigation system. It was broken in the middle. Usually I'm looking for things like hanging limbs that need to be trimmed. Why is there a rough spot? Why do you allow carts to continue to use the same spots? You have to move the ropes every so often so that grass can come back.

How's your golf game?

Sucks!

What sucks about it?

Just distance and old age. One of the pros yesterday was trying to help me turn my shoulders a little better. I'm getting old and crotchety.

What's your handicap these days?

Depends on the bet. And then we go from there. It used to be single-digit. But now I have to say it's more like a 12. If the money's big, then it probably has to be 16.

Or I can get you on the stones [back tees] and I can play from the whites. Then I can handle most anybody. ■



Dive into luxury

NEW TROPICAL POOLS ENHANCE RTJ RESORTS

*W*HILE GOLFERS TRY TO AVOID WATER HAZARDS DURING THEIR ROUNDS, WATER MAY BE JUST WHAT THEY NEED TO RECUPERATE AND RECHARGE FOR ANOTHER DAY ON THE TRAIL.

Golfers, leisure guests and groups meeting at the Auburn/Opelika Marriott can dive into luxury at the resort's new pool complex. The 4,200 square foot tropical paradise features three saltwater pools, a new Splash bar, whirlpools, waterfalls, fire pits and nightly fog and light shows. A similar pool complex opened at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear and has received rave reviews.



In Alabama's urban settings, the hotels have rooftop pools with magnificent views of Mobile Bay and downtown Montgomery. Renaissance Ross Bridge and the Marriott hotels in Florence and Prattville also offer unique pool experiences for swimmers of all ages. So, if you are looking for Alabama's cool pools, head to the Trail and its Resort Collection.

Located near the challenging golf courses, the Resort Collection on the

restaurants and some of the finest spas in North America. For meetings, the Resort Collection has 322,500 square feet of meeting space inside plus more than 1,000 acres outdoors. Select from numerous restaurants and bars, enjoy luxury suites or stay in affordable guest rooms with some of the best bedding you can imagine. We encourage you to compare for yourself and come make a splash along the Trail.



Above: Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa

Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail gives golfers and other guests the world-class luxury lodging options to make their stay complete. Flip through the pages of *Travel + Leisure*, *Conde Nast Traveler*, *Golf Magazine*, *Golf Digest*, *Successful Meetings* and other prestigious publications and you will likely find the Trail and its Resorts ranked among the Best of the Best.

Three different hotels have been named "Top 500 Hotels in the World" by *Travel + Leisure* over the last five years. Multiple hotels have been named to *Golf Digest's* Best Golf Resorts and the praise from *Wine Spectator* keeps pouring. From Mobile Bay to the Tennessee River, the Trail at its Resorts continue to offer guests the amenities they desire and affordable rates. Within Marriott International guest surveys, RTJ hotels remain among the best for guest satisfaction, spas, dining, luxury, style, cleanliness, pools, safety and of course, golf.

However you look at it, the hotels and resorts on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail have been compared to the top hotels and resorts around the world. The Resort Collection features six Four Diamond hotels, three Four Diamond

Information on each of the eight hotels is below and also can be found online at www.pchresorts.com. Each hotel also has a Facebook page and Twitter site.

MOBILE BAY REGION

Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa
Point Clear, Alabama www.marriottgrand.com

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www.twitter.com/marriottgrand

Since 1847, The Grand has maintained a gracious tradition of Southern hospitality on historic Mobile Bay. The Grand Hotel consistently receives the AAA Four Diamond Award and is a family-friendly historical hotel that is 166 years young. In 2011, the Grand Hotel was named one of the Top 500 Hotels in the world by *Travel + Leisure*. The resort has received national honors from *Travel + Leisure*, *Conde Nast Traveler*, *Tennis Magazine*, *Successful Meetings* and *Meetings South*. A schedule of activities and special weekends is particularly attractive to families. Groups appreciate the superlative meeting facilities. With 405 luxurious guest rooms and having some of Marriott's best spas, golf courses and pools, the Grand Hotel is now grander than

ever. The Dogwood and Azalea golf courses were renovated in 2005. Once restricted, these golf courses are now open to Grand Hotel guests and the general public.

The resort has 37,000 square feet of meeting space that was completely renovated in 2006. All guest rooms were updated in 2010. The Grand's 550 acres feature giant live oak trees, multiple beaches and lush landscaping. A military salute and cannon firing takes place each day at 4:00 p.m. and is followed by afternoon tea in the hotel lobby. In addition to world-class golf and the 20,000-square-foot spa, the resort has a variety of activities including eight rubico tennis courts, a croquet lawn, horseshoes, bikes, kayaks, sailboats and other watercraft for the guests' enjoyment.

For those wanting to own a piece of the Grand Hotel, Colony at the Grand offers upscale condominium options overlooking Mobile Bay and the Azalea golf course. For more on the Colony, visit www.colonyatthegrand.com.



Above: Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center
Left: The Battle House Renaissance Mobile Hotel & Spa

The Battle House Renaissance Mobile Hotel & Spa

Mobile, Alabama www.rsabattlehouse.com

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Originally built in 1852 and closed in the mid-1970s, the Battle House in Mobile has been restored to all its original grandeur. The Battle House reopened in 2007 and has been named as one of the "Top 500 Hotels in the World" by *Travel + Leisure*. Both the Battle House and its Trellis Room restaurant have received Four Diamond ratings from AAA. The hotel has also been named one of *National Geographic Traveler's* "Top Places to Stay" in North America and was named a favorite by *Coastal Living*.

The 238 gracious guest rooms, new spa and historic lobby, restaurant and ballrooms make Battle House the perfect urban retreat for business and leisure guests with an affinity for the finer things in life. The hotel has 35,000 square feet of meeting space and is connected to RSA Battle House Tower. On New Year's Eve, come witness MoonPie Over Mobile in a one-of-a-kind celebration.

Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel

Mobile, Alabama www.renaissanceriverview.com

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www.twitter.com/riverviewplaza

A prime downtown location with a covered walkway to the Mobile Convention Center makes the Renaissance Riverview Plaza a favorite for business guests. Renaissance Riverview Plaza, a Four Diamond Hotel, also is a short walk from the city's Carnival Museum, the Museum of Mobile and the Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center, which also features blockbuster exhibitions.

Having undergone a \$50 million renovation, the 374 plush guest rooms are as popular as the hotel's spectacular views of Mobile Bay. The Harbor Room restaurant features exceptional seafood and steaks. Riverview Plaza features 32,000 square feet of versatile meeting, banquet and exhibit space. Mobile is the home of the country's original Mardi Gras, and parades pass in front of the Renaissance Riverview Plaza during Carnival season.

Guests at all three Mobile Bay resorts have easy access to great golf at RTJ's Magnolia Grove. Creeks, marshlands and lakes add to the challenge of Mobile's Magnolia Grove. The Falls, Crossings and Short courses have all received national recognition from various golf publications and host an LPGA tournament in spring.

CENTRAL ALABAMA AND MONTGOMERY REGION

Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center

Montgomery, Alabama www.renaissancemontgomery.com

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www.twitter.com/renaissancemgm

The Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center opened in 2008 and brings Alabama's capital city a great cultural, culinary and corporate hub. The hotel features 346 luxurious rooms and suites, several restaurants and bars and a European-style spa. Located near the Alabama River, Renaissance Montgomery is a part of the city's downtown revitalization. For concerts, plays and general entertainment, the hotel's 1,800-seat performing arts centre is quickly becoming the city's social hot spot.

Renaissance Montgomery includes a newly renovated and expanded convention center. The hotel complex has more than 142,000 square feet of meeting space and features some of the latest technology available for meetings. The Renaissance Montgomery is approximately 10 minutes from the Capitol Hill site on the RTJ Trail.

Montgomery Marriott Prattville Hotel & Conference Center at Capitol Hill

Prattville, Alabama www.marriottcapitolhill.com

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Minutes from downtown Montgomery and near the Bass Pro Shop and other shopping, the Marriott hotel's 95 guest rooms were completely renovated in 2009. Seventy-four spacious guest rooms are located in the main lodge. Two eight-room luxury villas have living areas for informal gatherings and are ideal for golfing groups.

The 10,000-square-foot Presidential Cottage features five executive suites, private balconies, a lush garden and a private heliport. The hotel was the first to be built directly on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail courses and overlooks the 54 holes of championship golf at Capitol Hill. Named the No. 2 site for public golf in the country by Golf World readers, this RTJ site has hosted several LPGA tournaments.

The Marriott's Oak Tavern offers dining with an extraordinary view overlooking the 17th Fairway of the Senator Course. Indoor and outdoor dining options are available for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The hotel features 15,000 square feet of event space, including 13 venues, a new ballroom, pre-function area and a covered terrace.

Auburn Marriott Opelika Hotel & Conference Center at Grand National

Opelika, Alabama www.marriottgrandnational.com

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The Marriott made a big splash in 2012 with the opening of a resort pool complex and a new tennis complex is scheduled to open in 2013. Named the No. 1 location for public golf in the country by *GolfWorld* readers, it is easy to see why *U.S. News & World Report* named Auburn/Opelika one of the top places to retire for golf lovers. This location offers both a great hotel and an upscale residential option.

Situated just 10 minutes from Auburn University, in the quaint historic town of Opelika, the Auburn/Opelika Marriott offers the finest accommodations in the area. This nationally renowned retreat is the region's premier golf destination and lakeside resort with 54 holes of Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail golf. The majority of guest rooms in this luxury hotel and resort overlook Grand National's golf course, the pool and tennis complexes and Lake Saugahatchee. The hotel has 114 guest rooms and 15 luxury suites.

A winner of *Convention South* "Best New Renovations," this hotel has 15,000 square feet of technology-equipped event space, a business center and a 96-seat amphitheater. For golfers wanting to move to the area, National Village offers upscale homes and cottages adjacent to Grand National. From a primary residence to second homes, National Village has great options and golf waiting for you. www.nationalvillage.com

NORTH ALABAMA AND BIRMINGHAM REGION

Renaissance Birmingham Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa

Birmingham, Alabama www.rossbridgeresort.com

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Renaissance Ross Bridge Golf Resort and Spa is designed to provide a unique environment of stylish comfort and sophistication. Ross Bridge was named one of the "Top 75 Golf Resorts in North America" by *Golf Digest*. In 2012 and 2008, *Travel + Leisure* named Ross Bridge "One of the Top 500 Hotels in the World." This Four Diamond resort has 259 guest rooms, with balconies overlooking the fourth-longest golf course in the world at 8,191 yards from the tips. The resort also has 11 spacious suites for an extra level of comfort and indulgence. Between Ross Bridge and nearby Oxmoor Valley, golfers have access to 54 holes of golf at this luxury resort.

Ross Bridge is the host hotel for the Porsche Sport Driving School and offers luxurious pampering in a 12,000-square-foot European spa. Caviar facials, a couple's treatment room and hot stone massages are signature treatments in the spa. Renaissance Hotels has named Ross Bridge as one of their top spas.

The resort has multiple restaurants including fine dining with a Mediterranean influence in Brock's. The Clubhouse was named one of *Golf Digest*'s "Favorite 19th Holes." For meetings or special events, Ross Bridge has 20,000 square feet of function space ranging from a large ballroom to a smaller, distinctive boardroom. The resort consistently remains among the top Renaissance hotels in the world for guest satisfaction and overall style.

Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa

Florence, Alabama www.marriottshoals.com

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Overlooking the Tennessee River and historic Wilson Dam in Florence, Alabama, the Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa continues to be the Marriott leader for exceptional golf, spas, dining, hotel rooms and guest satisfaction.



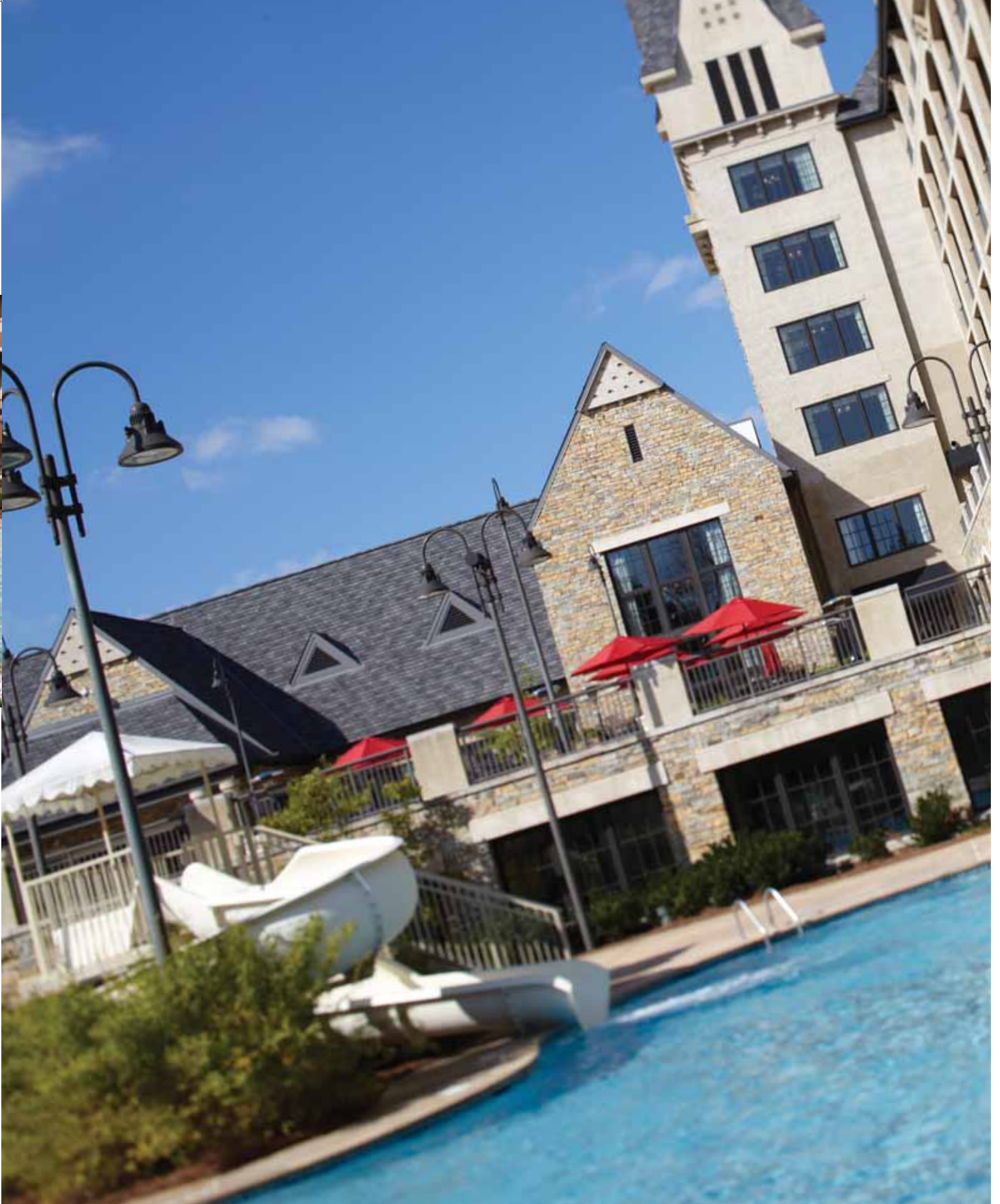
Above: Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa

Right: Renaissance Birmingham Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa

The 200 guest rooms, including seven suites, have private balconies and riverfront views. The resort features Alabama's only revolving restaurant and more than 30,000 square feet of versatile meeting space. For guest satisfaction, the hotel's spa is one of Marriott's top 10 internationally for guest satisfaction.

The Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa is a short distance from two new Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail courses—Fighting Joe and Schoolmaster. The Fighting Joe was named among the top 10 new courses by *Golf Magazine* and *Travel + Leisure Golf*. The Schoolmaster course opened in 2005 and approaches 8,000 yards. In addition to great golf, the Shoals area is internationally known for two things: bass fishing and a rich musical heritage.

Swamper's Bar and Grill celebrates the area's rich musical heritage. Little Richard, Rolling Stones, Cher and others recorded in the Shoals and the area still has many songwriters and recording studios. For upscale dining, the revolving 360 tower restaurant offers remarkable cuisine and amazing views of the Tennessee River. The 6,000-square-foot European-style spa and salon helps make the Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa the premier resort in the Tennessee River Valley. ■







THE good life

RTJ Communities Expand to Meet Demand

LA DOLCE VITA. Golf by day. Enjoying quaint communities by night. The good life is alive and well in Fairhope and Opelika. In fact, it is expanding.

The RTJ Golf Trail's two golfing communities are bucking this slow real estate trend and are expanding to meet a strong demand. Both National Village in Opelika and Colony at the Grand in Fairhope are selling well and entering their third and fourth phases of development.

"Nearly 60 homes in National Village have been sold and others are now under construction," said Margi Ingram of Ingram & Associates. "In Fairhope, those seeking residential options at Colony at the Grand can reserve a new single family home in the Colony's newest community Battles Trace or purchase an existing condominium in Bayview. Both residences offer different lifestyles, and we are pleased to now offer both."

National Village and Colony at the Grand are the Trail's first introduction into building golf communities. "While each customer is different, they are all looking for quality, value, location and amenities," said Ingram. "Both National Village and Colony at the Grand overlook RTJ golf courses which are known for quality and value. Colony at the Grand added a magnificent pool and tennis complex in 2009 which has been very popular with our residents. A new pool and tennis complexes adjacent to National Village and the Marriott Auburn/Opelika, creates a resort atmosphere," said Ingram. "From developing new homes to adding amenities, we listen to our current owners and potential customers," she said. "Perhaps this is the secret to our success during this soft real estate market. »

Left: National Village homes offer luxury finishes and modern conveniences.

opening ceremony

with Mark Gangloff



After years of grueling training and winning two Olympic gold medals, Mark Gangloff had a chance to rest in a tropical setting without leaving the Auburn area. The former Auburn swimmer and U.S. Olympian led the opening ceremonies for the pool complex at the Auburn/Opelika Marriott at Grand National.

"THIS NEW TROPICAL POOL COMPLEX MAKES THE MARRIOTT AND THE AUBURN/OPELIKA AREA A NEW DESTINATION OPTION FOR LEISURE GUESTS, as well as for corporate meeting planners," said Jay Prater, General Manager of the Auburn/Opelika Marriott. **"Since opening in 1992, Grand National has had more than 1.18 MILLION ROUNDS OF GOLF PLAYED AND WE HAVE HAD 250,000 GUESTS ROOMS OCCUPIED.** We believe the new pool amenities will be of great appeal to golfers and their groups after a day on the links."

AUBURN/OPELIKA MARRIOTT TROPICAL POOL COMPLEX FUN FACTS & FEATURES

- » 4,200 square feet of tropical paradise.
- » All three pools and two spas are saltwater, including an adult pool.
- » Feature pool is equipped with multicolor lighting and fog machines for a light show every evening.
- » 5 private cabanas.
- » Chaise lounge section of the pool for sunning while in the water.
- » Two large waterfalls.
- » Splash Pad area for children's water games.
- » Splash Pool Bar adjacent to the adult pool.

NATIONAL VILLAGE

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Developed by the Retirement Systems of Alabama, the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, its Resort Collection and residential communities were created to enhance the quality of life in Alabama. "Opelika is a great example of our vision to enhance a region while making a strong economic impact," said Dr. David G. Bronner, CEO of the Retirement Systems of Alabama. "Grand National, the Auburn/Opelika Marriott and National Village are all located in close proximity. We believe the new pool complex will make all three even more attractive to future guests, home shoppers and corporate executives. The new tennis complex appeals to these groups, as well."

Since opening in 2006, 60 homes have been sold in National Village. All of the first phase golf cottages have been sold and only a limited number of larger homes are available. Two new phases are under development: Quail Ridge and Eagle Bend. Quail Ridge consists of 21 homes across the lake from Stone Lake and start in the \$290s. Eagle Bend offers newly designed golf cottages starting in the \$190s. Two furnished model homes in Eagle Bend have already opened to showcase the home floorplans, style and attention to details. "These two homes swept many of the awards in the recent realtor Parade of Homes," said Dr. Bronner. "These homes have been very popular, and we have 12 contracts and several reservations in Quail Ridge and Eagle Bend." Homes in Quail Ridge range in size from 1,884 to 2,190 square feet. Eagle Bend homes range from 1,220 to 1,600 square feet.

From primary residences to second homes, National Village offers great options of luxury living on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. The on-site Auburn Marriott Opelika Hotel and Conference Center at Grand National offers award-winning dining and 129 guest rooms. Consider the hotel's fitness center as your personal gym and enjoy both the indoor and outdoor pools. All of these amenities are available to residents at National Village.

The Auburn/Opelika area was named one of the "Top 10 Places to Retire for Golf" by *US News & World Report*. Readers of *Golf World* named Opelika the No. 1 site for public golf in the country. *Golf Digest* named the RTJ Trail the top value for golf in the country and number eight for quality.

For more information contact National Village at 334.749.8165 or visit www.nationalvillage.com



COLONY AT THE GRAND

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Some traditions only get better and Colony at the Grand is no exception.

Since opening in 1847, The Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club and Spa has been rich with many traditions. For generations, Grand Hotel guests have found it difficult to leave. Now they can own a part the Grand's new tradition. Colony at the Grand offers both single family home and condominium options to spoil you.

Last year's Watershed homes have all been sold, completing the second phase of residences at Colony at the Grand. The Colony's third phase,

from oak-draped parks and a freshwater lake to the magnificent 36 holes of the Azalea and Dogwood courses of the Lakewood Golf Club.

Amenity-rich living at the Colony Club is centered on an aquatics center, fitness and wellness studio, tennis academy, dining and social areas and a business center. These amenities, together with the Lakewood Golf Club and the Grand Hotel's Spa, offer the residents of Colony at the Grand a true resort-living experience.

Exploring the Colony at the Grand doesn't end at the front gate of this private community. The quality of life at Point Clear is legendary. Explore the boutiques, galleries and restaurants of Fairhope or spend your day along the Alabama Coastal Birding Trail. The Fairhope/Point Clear area



Above: Multiple pools, tennis courts and golf courses make Colony at the Grand ideal for an active lifestyle.

Battles Trace, is now underway. Battles Trace features a collection of 66 exquisite homes intimately nestled among groves oak trees adjacent to Lakewood Club. Home prices range from \$300,000 to \$500,000 and will deliver in 2013.

Featuring 54 units, Bayview overlooks Sweetwater Lake on the hotel's historic grounds. Bayview offers a breathtaking panorama at every floor

has gained notice in the Wall Street Journal as one of the Top 10 place in the U.S. to retire. Perhaps it is time you take a look. Luxury condominium residences are priced from the \$300s, while Watershed homes start in the high 300s.

Please call for more information 251-990-9951 or visit us online at www.colonyatthegrand.com.





Nall!

SHARING ALABAMA ART WITH THE WORLD

A Southern artist with an international following, Nall has a unique style that has captivated the attention of the world. The gifted artist grew up in Troy, Alabama, and began drawing arts and crafts at his family's city park at just four years old.

A graduate of the University of Alabama, Nall was awarded top score entrance at the École des Beaux-Arts in Paris. Surrounded by painters, musicians, and writers, he excelled among his contemporaries. At that point, he was mentored by Spanish Surrealist, Salvador Dali, who advised him to "Draw from life, draw, again and again." Nall was also inspired by American psychedelic art, fauvism, impressionism and Japanese wash drawings but then returned to basic black and white drawing and on concentrating on building a solid artistic foundation on drawing skills.

Having exhibited his works all over the United States and Europe since 1971, Nall returned to his roots as artist in residence at The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, where students had the opportunity to apprentice in his on-campus studio and saw his retrospective at the Sarah Moody Gallery.

In 2000 Nall was the curator for "Alabama Art," an exhibit of 13 Alabama Artists, with the aid of the Montgomery Museum of Fine Art and the Alabama State Council on the Arts. Nall compiled the works and did the layout for the book titled "Alabama Art" published by Black Belt Press. This book won the Mary Ellen Lopresti ARLIS/Southeast Publishing Award for "Best Art Book" published that year in the Southeastern U.S.A. After serving two semesters as artist-in-residence at Troy University, Nall was awarded a Doctorate Honoris Causa from Troy University, Alabama. In July, 2000 Nall created an illustration for the 51st Monaco Red Cross Ball per the request of H.S.H. Prince Albert of Monaco.

Nall has worked extensively with the Retirement Systems of Alabama and its resorts to showcase the "Alabama Art" collection. All eight RSA hotels along the Trail feature works exclusively by Alabama artists, including Nall. The artworks range from primitive, outsider art pieces to intricate mosaics and oils to photography.

Living in his home state of Alabama, in 2005 he completed building his studio in Fairhope, Alabama, where he invites apprentices to work with him, and spends his summers in France at the N.A.L.L. Art Association. Nall divides his time working between the Alabama and French Rivieras. ■

For more information on Nall and Alabama Art, visit www.nallart.com. Many of the pieces on display are available for purchase by contacting nall@nallart.com or by writing PO Box 1343, Fairhope, Alabama 36533.

ARTISTS WITH WORKS HANGING IN RSA'S ALABAMA HOTELS AND RESORTS INCLUDE:

Judith Amanda, Jennifer Antoline, Margaret Barber, Ann Mottershead Betak, Sloane Bibb, Sue Blackshear, Julia Bradshaw, Neal Brantley, Kyle Braund, Edward Brummal, Nan Cunningham, Mike Handley, Marty Hoerr, J J Gaudel, Sybil Gibson, Sarita Gish, Jim Gunter, Anton Haardt, Amber Hall, Baba Hendricks, Carrie Johnson, Robert Harold Johnston III, Christy Rhodes Kirk, Charlie Lucas, Betty Sue Matthews, Jim Morris, Maya Morland, Christopher Moses, Haardt Moses, Donna Pickens, Tigio Price, Barbara Reed, Natalyn Havenick Rose, Conrad & Janice Ross, Jayne Rushin, Michael Simpson, David M. Spears, George Taylor, Les Thompson, Langley Tolbert, Melissa Tubbs, Mary Catherine Watson and Dave Willmart.

Xander Booker, Chip Cooper, Russell Goodloe, Nancy Goodman, Erin Fitzhugh Gregory, Stacey Howell, Robert Johnston, Ryan Clifford Keller, Mary Riser Kennedy, Bruce Larsen, Linda Ledet, Charlie Lucas, Michael Mastro, Betty Sue Matthews, Herbert "Mannie" Pair, Heather Pettersen, Joan White-Spinner, Lynda Smith Touart, Bradley Robertson, Stephen Savage, Kate Seawell, Susan Starr, Steve Strickland, Les Thompson, Annie Tolliver, Susan Downing White, Devlin Wilson and Robert Zimmerman.

Artists Paul Looney, Ann Morland, Kate Seawell, Jimmy Lee Sudduth, and Yvonne Wells also have works on consignment in the Renaissance Montgomery. Deceased artists in permanent collection include: Steve Skidmore, Jimmy Lee Sudduth, Mose T and Flemming Tyler Wilson.

A VISITOR'S GUIDE TO THE TRAIL »

Alabama's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail is a collection of 468 holes of championship golf on 11 sites across Alabama. Most are near an interstate or federal highway and directions are easily marked by green highway signs.

The eight Resort Collection hotels on the Trail all fly the Marriott or Renaissance flags and are top in their class for luxury, golf and spa experiences.

The Wall Street Journal said the Trail **"MAY BE THE BIGGEST BARGAIN IN THE COUNTRY"** and The New York Times called the Trail **"SOME OF THE BEST PUBLIC GOLF ON EARTH."**

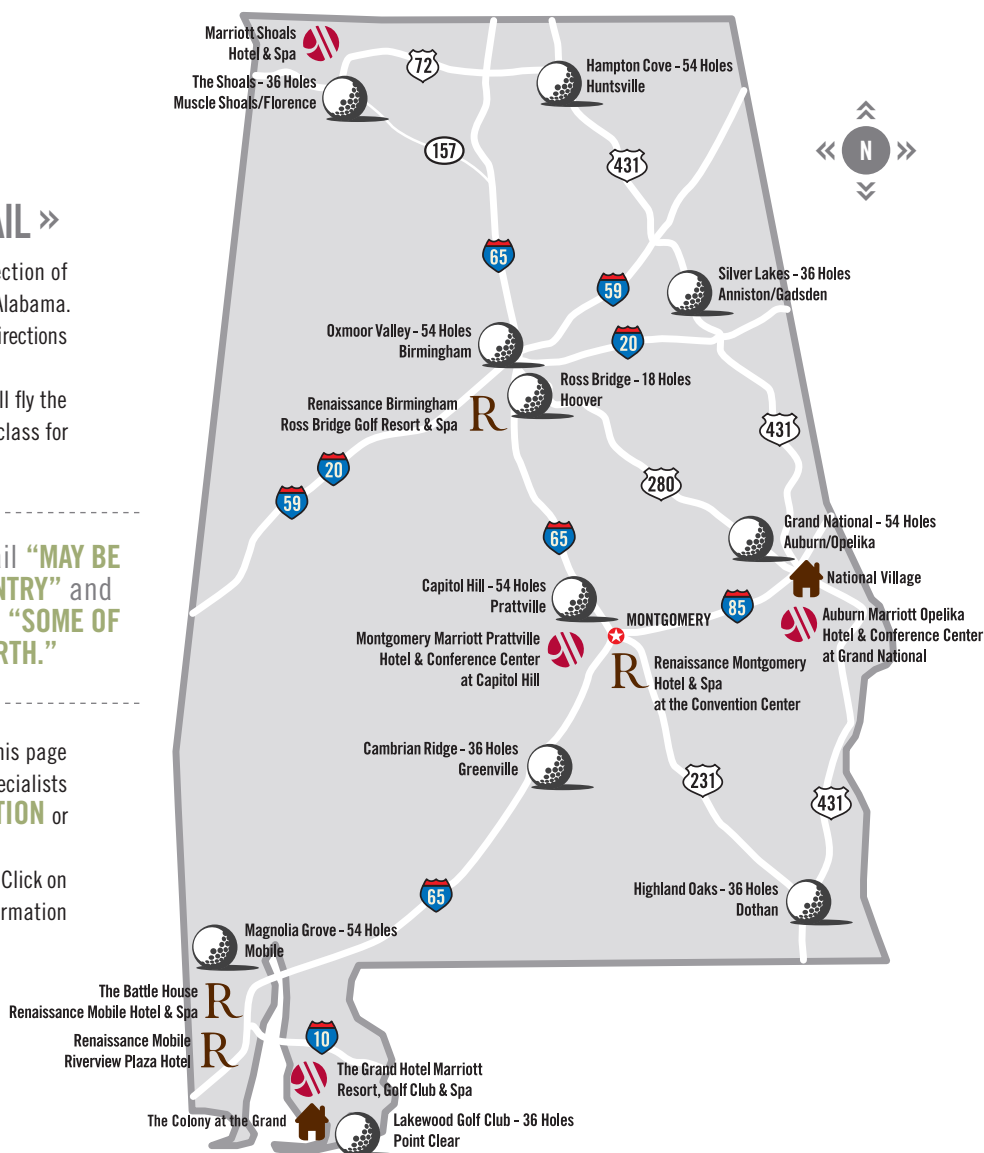
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MILEAGE BETWEEN TRAIL SITES

	CAPITOL HILL	CAMBRIAN RIDGE	GRAND NATIONAL	HAMPTON COVE	HIGHLAND OAKS	MAGNOLIA GROVE	LAKEWOOD G.C.	OXMOOR VALLEY	ROSS BRIDGE	SILVER LAKES	SHOALS
CAPITOL HILL	—	57	78	193	114	183	185	86	85	155	212
CAMBRIAN RIDGE	57	—	114	245	99	137	139	138	137	207	264
GRAND NATIONAL	78	114	—	189	131	240	242	121	120	112	242
HAMPTON COVE	193	245	189	—	310	372	374	122	123	81	77
HIGHLAND OAKS	114	99	131	310	—	201	217	201	200	233	328
MAGNOLIA GROVE	183	137	240	372	201	—	39	264	263	333	364
LAKEWOOD G.C.	185	139	242	374	217	39	—	284	283	353	384
OXMOOR VALLEY	86	138	121	122	201	264	284	—	2	88	140
ROSS BRIDGE	85	137	120	123	200	263	283	2	—	89	141
SILVER LAKES	155	207	112	81	233	333	353	88	89	—	135
SHOALS	212	264	242	77	328	364	384	140	141	135	—

FIGHTING JOE COURSE

Black 8,092/78.7/138; Purple 7,126/74.0/135; Orange 6,628/71.5/130; White 6,154/69.3/123; Teal 4,978/69.0/122; Par 72

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BLACK	611	466	478	426	236	497	607	477	236
PURPLE	567	413	416	360	193	468	537	406	190
ORANGE	540	388	396	326	175	432	524	375	157
WHITE	512	370	373	313	160	408	467	332	145
TEAL	394	302	320	279	137	325	408	283	101
PAR	5	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	3
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BLACK	489	413	716	223	476	466	483	592	200
PURPLE	460	371	622	184	417	397	437	537	151
ORANGE	428	345	581	163	403	352	423	483	137
WHITE	412	332	498	153	369	326	385	473	126
TEAL	256	310	441	136	244	260	304	377	101
PAR	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	3

SCHOOLMASTER COURSE

Black 7,971/78.0/143; Purple 7,294/74.7/134; Orange 6,778/72.2/128; White 6,160/69.1/124; Teal 5,249/70.3/121; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BLACK	453	238	477	632	472	265	459	509	681
PURPLE	421	196	450	568	452	231	400	445	645
ORANGE	382	178	421	549	409	208	366	406	604
WHITE	337	135	393	504	373	178	339	369	562
TEAL	311	131	337	478	315	158	268	325	488
PAR	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	4	5
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BLACK	226	589	618	455	417	447	197	443	393
PURPLE	202	559	568	424	390	414	157	409	363
ORANGE	168	521	527	402	368	395	146	390	338
WHITE	147	489	501	353	333	347	135	347	318
TEAL	122	381	479	307	265	267	101	283	233
PAR	3	5	5	4	4	4	3	4	4



THE SHOALS

FLORENCE/MUSCLE SHOALS » 36 HOLES

The Fighting Joe course at The Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at The Shoals opened August 2004 and was the first Trail course to break 8,000, measuring some 8,092 yards from the black tees.

It's long, really long, and this links style course is simply good, straight-forward golf. You can see where you're going. The question is...can you get there?

Some say the spectacular 17th hole is the signature hole on the course, but the 18th green overlooking Wilson Lake on the Tennessee River will distract you with its beauty, if not its treachery.

Travel + Leisure Golf has named Fighting Joe one of the top new courses in 2004 for good reason. Long-hitters here will experience a test of champions; but from the correct tee box, all players will enjoy world-class golf.

The second course, The Schoolmaster (named for President Woodrow Wilson who was responsible for getting Wilson Dam built on the River and who was known as The Schoolmaster of Politics) opened in the Summer of 2005.

This tree-lined course is more traditional golf with every hole in keeping with the natural topography along the Tennessee River. It is wooded, rolling and spectacular.

First reports indicate The Schoolmaster may be a tougher course than Fighting Joe, but only time will tell. One thing's for sure, it's a shot maker's golf course with narrower fairways, tree-lined greens, and still a length of nearly 8,000 yards!

It's hard to beat the beauty that the 18th hole holds on the high bluffs over the river, but the waterfall on the 2nd hole sure comes close. Make sure you've done your homework well, for The Schoolmaster will certainly test all of your skills. ■

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HAMPTON COVE

HUNTSVILLE » 54 HOLES

The Northern gateway to the Trail is Hampton Cove in Huntsville, a 54-hole facility with terrain that drastically changes from one side of the property to the other.

Renovated in 2008, the Highlands Course has been restored to its original Scottish Links design. Long waving grasses frame beautiful rolling terrain and creates beautiful golf holes. The finishing holes on the Highlands Course are among the most scenic and challenging on the Trail. One of the most recognizable landmarks on the Trail is the old mule barn beside the fifth hole.

Completely opposite in design is the River Course, the only Robert Trent Jones layout without a single bunker. The River Course is laid out on former soybean fields in the flood plain of the Flint River. The River Course is a throwback to the way courses were built long ago, where dirt was merely pushed up to create the greens and tees, leaving all else, including massive oak trees, as is. With water on 16 of the 18 holes, the River Course will challenge your shot making ability.

The Short Course at Hampton Cove is open and links-like, with water in play on 11 holes and a large double green accommodating the 10th and 17th greens. The Short Course is a great venue for golfers of all skill levels and alternating tees allow golfers to hit every club in their bag! ■

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HIGHLANDS COURSE

Purple 7,428/76.0/132; Orange 6,806/69.9/123; White 6,070/69.9/123;

Ladies' Teal 4,951; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	409	403	550	215	412	435	453	238	526
ORANGE	394	372	518	183	378	406	424	190	511
WHITE	372	330	452	165	334	381	387	158	444
TEAL	309	303	377	94	273	336	318	94	361
PAR	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	3	5
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	461	206	435	415	414	539	259	621	437
ORANGE	434	177	347	391	382	520	211	570	398
WHITE	371	154	308	336	342	470	161	541	364
TEAL	257	108	265	319	298	390	101	475	304
PAR	4	3	4	4	4	5	3	5	4

RIVER COURSE

Purple 7,668/77.8/136; Orange 6,764/72.8/134; White 6,111/69.7/128;

Ladies' Teal 5,278/70.4/119; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	556	207	467	447	476	214	433	627	438
ORANGE	505	186	404	375	388	196	393	566	394
WHITE	463	165	347	342	350	158	360	540	348
TEAL	431	135	267	299	285	135	305	499	318
PAR	5	3	4	4	4	3	4	5	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	572	437	454	421	208	600	187	451	473
ORANGE	535	398	418	382	186	519	176	378	365
WHITE	486	353	379	314	165	494	163	350	334
TEAL	428	293	340	276	112	426	132	314	283
PAR	5	4	4	4	3	5	3	4	4

SHORT COURSE

Purple 3,635; Orange 3,007; White 2,480; Teal 1,861; Par 54

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	192	184	222	149	201	257	190	215	199
ORANGE	161	167	189	110	182	184	175	173	153
WHITE	124	152	154	95	149	145	144	145	128
TEAL	83	109	72	78	83	109	114	126	111
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	177	193	184	222	205	247	159	232	207
ORANGE	161	152	174	185	170	184	143	168	176
WHITE	115	131	144	156	143	137	115	151	152
TEAL	98	83	124	105	115	95	85	128	143
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

MINDBREAKER COURSE

Black 3,642; Purple 3,432/36.8/146; Orange 3,199/35.9/146; White 3,010/35.0/136;
Teal 2,376/32.1/105; Ladies' White 38.3/149; Ladies' Teal 33.9/117; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BLACK	546	226	408	207	556	434	420	454	391
PURPLE	546	177	361	189	531	408	406	423	391
ORANGE	505	165	345	180	515	389	362	387	351
WHITE	475	157	345	169	492	370	320	358	324
TEAL	403	96	296	123	376	279	280	317	206
PAR	5	3	4	3	5	4	4	4	4

HEARTBREAKER COURSE

Black 3,814; Purple 3,480/36.7/133; Orange 3,290/35.9/128; White 3,011/34.6/125;
Teal 2,474/32.5/109; Ladies' White 37.5/142; Ladies' Teal 34.5/120; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BLACK	568	466	455	431	215	452	550	229	448
PURPLE	532	414	427	404	174	412	521	198	398
ORANGE	481	375	402	404	165	394	506	165	398
WHITE	481	335	381	357	136	343	479	146	353
TEAL	431	290	329	312	109	301	375	67	260
PAR	5	4	4	4	3	4	5	3	4

BACKBREAKER COURSE

Black 3,808; Purple 3,537/37.7/140; Orange 3,198/35.9/128; White 2,992/34.5/127;
Teal 2,369/32.0/113; Ladies' White 38.0/148; Ladies' Teal 34.9/126; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BLACK	455	206	455	458	231	401	623	445	534
PURPLE	426	159	425	451	194	371	578	399	534
ORANGE	406	143	399	400	167	346	496	342	499
WHITE	360	132	350	355	129	346	496	342	482
TEAL	293	92	294	292	99	212	369	287	431
PAR	4	3	4	4	3	4	5	4	5

SHORT COURSE

Purple 1,946; Orange 1,450; White 1,276; Teal 798; Par 27

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	232	192	225	236	199	254	186	211	211
ORANGE	137	155	166	171	160	167	170	169	155
WHITE	123	133	146	156	130	138	147	150	153
TEAL	90	81	100	94	99	94	94	85	61
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3



SILVER LAKES

ANNISTON/GADSDEN » 36 HOLES

Located in Northeast Alabama, between Anniston and Gadsden, Silver Lakes is set on rolling terrain with stunning views of the surrounding Appalachian foothills. Following the April 2011 devastating EF-4 Tornado, which ravaged the golf course and the surrounding communities, Silver Lakes received extensive renovations and has taken on a new look. Silver Lakes re-opened in September 2011 with spectacular views of the Appalachian Foothills, Lee's Lake and the original Trail clubhouse. It also boasts 36 holes of newly renovated Champion ultra dwarf putting surfaces, arguably the best on the Trail.

Silver Lakes features the most unique and aptly named nines on the Trail. The Heartbreaker provides three of the best finishing holes. Number 7, 8 and 9 take you from the highest elevation on the property to the lowest, while the Backbreaker features wide fairways, demanding greens and spectacular views. The Mindbreaker is aptly named as a variety of uphill and downhill approaches will have you second guessing your shot decisions throughout the round. The Short Course provides a relaxing trip around Lee's Lake and offers an array of yardages to suit your game. The views are magnificent with a waterfall nestled next to the sixth green. ■

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OXMOOR VALLEY

BIRMINGHAM » 54 HOLES

This 54-hole facility was built on former mining land owned by U.S. Steel. Sculpted from the peaks and valleys of the Appalachians, the courses offer scenic forests, numerous creeks and challenging elevation changes. The Ridge Course, with its roller coaster fairways, heavy tree cover, and precipitous 150-foot elevation changes, is incredibly photogenic. As a reminder of the site's former use, the green at the par-five 3rd is buttressed by a shelf of exposed shale rock.

The Valley Course is dotted with picturesque lakes, beautiful rolling fairways, and stretches two miles downrange along a slender valley. The 18th hole, a 441-yard par 4, nicknamed "The Assassin," rises to a dramatic finish at the signature clubhouse just above the green. The Short Course at Oxmoor Valley is a delightful collection of 18 pure one-shotters which offer severe elevation changes and almost every hole plays downhill. The Short Course is listed by *Golf Digest's Places to Play* as one of the nation's Great Value courses in the public category. ■

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RIDGE COURSE

Purple 7,055/73.5/140; Orange 6,527/71.6/136; White 6,148/70.1/133; Teal 4,974/69.1/122;

Ladies' Teal 70.2/130; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	449	528	539	389	179	447	379	176	421
ORANGE	404	513	520	382	146	405	346	159	384
WHITE	364	500	506	356	123	389	317	129	393
TEAL	297	458	451	286	85	291	232	77	227
PAR	4	5	5	4	3	4	4	3	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	414	446	483	189	389	390	205	440	592
ORANGE	379	393	465	162	348	366	172	411	572
WHITE	361	373	440	137	333	353	165	396	543
TEAL	279	305	410	92	251	321	145	304	463
PAR	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	5

VALLEY COURSE

Purple 7,149/74.6/130; Orange 6,590/71.3/127; White 6,027/68.7/118; Teal 4,924/69.4/122;

Ladies' Teal 68.3/120; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	440	204	435	188	415	400	564	433	561
ORANGE	415	174	391	171	375	369	509	396	541
WHITE	393	153	363	145	327	334	475	358	513
TEAL	367	100	285	109	265	290	401	268	428
PAR	4	3	4	3	4	4	5	4	5
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	475	363	506	207	552	407	178	400	441
ORANGE	420	322	504	177	527	381	165	359	393
WHITE	393	279	490	147	502	335	120	337	363
TEAL	284	229	461	107	441	295	81	302	210
PAR	4	4	5	3	5	4	3	4	4

SHORT COURSE

Purple 3,360; Orange 3,037; White 2,556; Teal 1,871; Par 54

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	170	224	203	208	135	155	163	204	161
ORANGE	152	206	183	185	126	147	150	188	130
WHITE	122	195	138	142	113	139	131	170	119
TEAL	79	141	103	108	98	93	103	144	103
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	195	215	182	137	253	211	192	174	178
ORANGE	179	191	154	135	225	192	160	164	170
WHITE	166	158	144	127	141	153	137	129	132
TEAL	69	114	95	124	123	91	124	83	76
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

ROSS BRIDGE COURSE

Black 8,191/78.5/135; Purple 7,446/74.9/127; Orange 6,783/71.3/118; White 6,200/68.7/117;
Teal 5,312/70.2/123; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BLACK	620	467	470	226	469	207	619	502	518
PURPLE	573	430	445	202	417	194	561	447	410
ORANGE	543	395	422	155	380	185	519	408	377
WHITE	511	322	392	146	337	174	484	376	341
TEAL	463	278	366	140	303	110	458	311	285
PAR	5	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BLACK	477	208	454	698	239	458	571	501	487
PURPLE	454	184	429	614	219	415	538	467	447
ORANGE	417	167	408	540	176	366	511	411	403
WHITE	387	133	357	519	163	341	477	382	358
TEAL	273	120	326	403	130	293	410	334	309
PAR	4	3	4	5	3	4	5	4	4



ROSS BRIDGE

HOOVER » 18 HOLES

Alabama welcomes the newest addition to the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail: Ross Bridge. Beautifully carved into the rolling terrain of Shannon Valley, these 18 holes will challenge even the best golfers. Named one of *Zagat's* top new courses, Ross Bridge has hosted the Regions Charity Classic, a PGA Champions Tour event.

The course meanders through indigenous landscape and around the 259-room Renaissance Birmingham Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa. Ross Bridge is the fourth longest course in the world but offers multiple tees for golfers of all levels. Symbolic of an old parkland style course, ten holes play along the banks of two significant lakes connected by a spectacular waterfall dropping 80 feet between the ninth and eighteenth greens. A gristmill added to the waterfall reflects the history of this old mining site. The beauty and challenge of each hole leads many to believe there is not one signature hole but possibly eighteen.

Like many other Trail courses, the par-three holes are incredible. Considerable elevation changes combine with water or other natural obstructions to get your attention. Large putting surfaces provide many tempting pin locations that will test golfers' approach shots.

Number 17, a long par four, plays to a small, well-guarded green. Water frames the right side of this down-sloping hole. In the background is a picturesque view of the ninth and eighteenth holes with the waterfall tumbling between. The seventh hole offers a par five that traverses a ridge high above the rest of the course. The ninth will leave you speechless as it is time to decide how daring you are off the tee. A split fairway allows for either a short challenging route along the water's edge or opt for safer play leaving a longer, more difficult approach to the green. Regardless if it is a par three, four or five, Ross Bridge stands ready for your game! ■

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GRAND NATIONAL

AUBURN/OPELIKA » 54 HOLES

Both the Links Course and the Lake Course were in the top 10 of *Golf Digest's* list of "America's Top 50 Affordable Courses" and all three courses at Grand National are listed among the nation's 40 Super Value courses by *Golf Digest's* "Places to Play". Grand National, by all reports, was the single greatest site for a golf complex Robert Trent Jones, Sr. had ever seen. Built on 600-acre Lake Saugahatchee, 32 of the 54 holes drape along its filigreed shores.

The cornerstone of the complex is the Links Course, which is without a single weakness. The par four 18th is without a doubt the strongest finishing hole on the Trail. The drive must carry a corner of the lake, while the approach is played to a shallow pedestal green shored up by boulders. With 12 holes hugging the shore, Grand National's Lake Course is every bit as scenic as the Links. Not only is the quartet of par threes on the Lake Course as good as any in the nation, the 230-yard, island green 15th may be the single prettiest hole on the Trail. The Short Course, while overshadowed by the two main tracts, is a thing of beauty, with more than half the holes touching the lake. This 18-hole course of one-shotters might be the finest anywhere in the country.

National Village, a golfing community on the Trail, is adjacent to these courses and the Marriott Hotel. ■

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LAKE COURSE

Purple 7,149/74.3/136; Orange 6,488/71.3/126; White 5,948/68.7/117; Teal 4,910/68.7/117;

Ladies' White 74.4/133; Ladies' Teal 68.0/119; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	380	428	197	527	423	442	557	213	411
ORANGE	364	381	178	480	396	381	521	182	379
WHITE	319	361	168	447	385	352	477	148	339
TEAL	285	308	92	399	308	295	418	103	276
PAR	4	4	3	5	4	4	5	3	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	434	445	522	427	545	230	334	205	429
ORANGE	397	387	493	388	510	182	297	174	398
WHITE	353	356	459	361	488	160	285	143	357
TEAL	276	239	391	343	384	93	247	126	327
PAR	4	4	5	4	5	3	4	3	4

LINKS COURSE

Purple 7,311/75.1/135; Orange 6,574/72.3/129; White 6,015/69.6/119; Teal 4,843/69.6/113;

Ladies' White 75.5/139; Ladies' Teal 70.4/120; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	423	556	206	425	456	544	472	345	204
ORANGE	396	509	182	409	375	499	446	319	170
WHITE	366	470	165	384	342	460	409	299	133
TEAL	313	385	110	262	275	412	318	234	119
PAR	4	5	3	4	4	5	4	4	3
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	363	260	575	418	467	516	181	429	471
ORANGE	326	195	500	378	422	467	152	402	427
WHITE	289	151	493	343	372	451	118	368	402
TEAL	242	69	426	272	338	362	93	312	301
PAR	4	3	5	4	4	5	3	4	4

SHORT COURSE

Purple 3,328/56.7; Orange 2,798/55.2; White 2,476/53.7; Teal 1,715/51.9;

Ladies' White 55.4; Ladies' Teal 53.2; Par 54

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	188	201	171	173	187	173	152	216	250
ORANGE	170	166	151	152	147	137	119	193	234
WHITE	148	148	128	131	124	137	119	174	211
TEAL	93	106	83	92	102	97	89	119	71
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	161	187	231	185	138	204	202	155	154
ORANGE	131	172	179	151	108	184	173	110	121
WHITE	108	139	179	98	104	156	156	110	106
TEAL	85	95	119	58	72	143	108	77	106
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

LEGISLATOR COURSE

Black 7,477/76.9/149; Purple 6,836/74.0/143; Orange 6,366/71.4/139; White 5,901/69.4/131;
Teal 5,253/66.1/117; Ladies' White 74.3/133; Ladies' Teal 70.4/121; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BLACK	631	434	177	481	603	198	425	488	420
PURPLE	554	404	163	421	577	174	401	429	405
ORANGE	541	366	147	391	509	151	375	405	366
WHITE	490	330	136	355	490	137	361	374	338
TEAL	435	310	115	325	426	115	297	347	311
PAR	5	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BLACK	412	207	387	538	478	407	182	585	424
PURPLE	369	170	367	504	434	364	160	552	388
ORANGE	350	148	348	494	407	343	148	512	365
WHITE	337	126	331	467	382	313	124	480	330
TEAL	245	105	302	451	343	270	110	451	295
PAR	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	5	4

SENATOR COURSE

Black 7,654/77.4/132; Purple 6,941/74.1/125; Orange 6,410/70.9/126; White 5,831/68.1/121;
Teal 5,137/64.7/110; Ladies' White 73.6/123; Ladies' Teal 69.6/116; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BLACK	427	230	419	426	611	420	231	558	437
PURPLE	395	204	385	390	563	385	195	530	402
ORANGE	365	165	364	363	539	349	167	496	376
WHITE	329	139	322	339	500	326	129	453	343
TEAL	281	121	290	282	442	301	110	393	290
PAR	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	5	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BLACK	616	435	496	203	459	448	222	559	457
PURPLE	543	400	434	169	426	416	181	515	408
ORANGE	528	370	400	154	394	389	147	475	369
WHITE	484	358	374	138	358	334	115	456	334
TEAL	460	317	326	116	333	307	84	376	308
PAR	5	4	4	3	4	4	3	5	4

JUDGE COURSE

Black 7,813/78.5/147; Purple 7,082/75.1/142; Orange 6,517/71.7/131; White 5,910/68.7/128;
Teal 4,951/64.7/115; Ladies' White 74.4/137; Ladies' Teal 68.4/123; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BLACK	415	459	187	617	423	229	675	466	430
PURPLE	400	416	166	579	386	190	625	452	387
ORANGE	379	379	155	548	342	148	589	425	362
WHITE	347	350	129	486	326	133	575	396	330
TEAL	296	305	112	402	273	120	351	344	271
PAR	4	4	3	5	4	3	5	4	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BLACK	711	478	231	427	469	552	256	430	358
PURPLE	563	400	215	405	424	529	223	384	338
ORANGE	543	370	179	358	385	500	170	364	321
WHITE	503	340	110	313	371	457	153	327	264
TEAL	421	268	94	261	352	413	126	288	254
PAR	5	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	4



CAPITOL HILL

PRATTVILLE » 54 HOLES

Named the number 2 public golf site in the country by *Golf World* readers, Capitol Hill in Prattville continues to get praises from golfers and golf writers alike. *Golf* magazine called The Judge Course one of the 10 public courses in America worthy of hosting the U.S. Open and the *Zagat* Survey of America's Top Golf Courses ranked it among the top 50 courses in America. The Senator was named among the Top 10 New Courses in the nation by *Golf* magazine and is showcased in September during the Navistar LPGA Classic presented by MaxxForce. Located in Prattville, approximately 13 miles north of Alabama's state capitol, Capitol Hill features three 18-hole championship courses. With more than 1500 acres of golf and nature, the pure magnitude of this facility is amazing and allows each course to be drastically different from the others.

The Senator, a Scottish-Links style course with beautifully manicured bent grass greens, holds more than 160 pot-hole bunkers and mounds 20 to 40 feet in height, cleverly hiding the cart path or any other hole from the fairway. The secluded settings of each hole will make it feel as if you are the only foursome on the course.

The Legislator, a more traditional course, plays in and out of pine trees and along the bluff. The view riding down the "Sky Bridge" for six holes laid out in a native cypress swamp will impress as you are led back up the bluff to finish the course at the spectacular clubhouse.

The Judge offers stunning vistas alongside the 200-acre glistening backwaters of the Alabama River. The first tee lies 200 feet above the fairway overlooking the Alabama River and the Montgomery skyline. With 14 holes adjoining the water and a stunning bulkhead island green, the Judge is described as simply magnificent.

Capitol Hill also features an innovative circular driving range 400 yards in diameter. ■

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CAMBRIAN RIDGE

GREENVILLE » 36 HOLES

Known by avid golfers as one of the most beautiful and most challenging stops on the Trail, Cambrian Ridge in Greenville lies just 40 miles from Montgomery. It is well worth the ride for any golfer looking for 36 holes of jaw-dropping golf.

This year on Memorial Day weekend, May 26-27, Cambrian Ridge will host the Annual Father/Son Championship, one of the most popular events on the Trail.

The Sherling/Canyon combination was named by *Golf Digest* as the 3rd best new public course in America in 1994 and 13th in their list of America's Top 50 Affordable Courses. This combination was also named by *Golf Digest's* "Places to Play" as one of the nation's 40 Super Value courses. The Loblolly nine, with its gently rolling fairways, cathedral-like pines, and water-fronted greens, exudes a stately, Augusta-like quality. The Canyon nine, carved from former hunting grounds where deer blinds remain nailed to the hardwood, is a thrilling stretch of target-style golf with hole #1 being a 501-yard par four that drops 200 feet from tee to fairway.

The Sherling nine may be the best nine on the entire Trail. Drama takes center stage at Sherling's ninth hole which marches straight uphill past a deep ravine strewn with ochre boulders to a lolling tongue of a double green shared with the ninth on the Canyon nine. Above this green is a clubhouse set atop the highest point in the county, its verandah serving up expansive 30-mile views of Southern forest land. The nine-hole Short Course is a marvelous collection of par-three holes laid out beautifully between the ridge and Sherling lake. ■

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SHERLING COURSE

Purple 3,681/37.4/67; Orange 3,423/36.3/65; White 3,028/34.9/62; Teal 2,435/33.7/60;

Ladies' Teal 34.3/57; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	568	209	428	184	428	420	437	636	371
ORANGE	531	167	398	169	399	397	412	601	349
WHITE	490	146	365	141	367	324	354	514	327
TEAL	417	91	280	79	224	283	322	460	279
PAR	5	3	4	3	4	4	4	5	4

CANYON COURSE

Purple 3,746/38.0/74; Orange 3,490/36.9/72; White 3,058/35.8/70; Teal 2,422/34.4/68;

Ladies' Teal 33.9/59; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	501	275	585	444	383	418	522	258	360
ORANGE	477	244	553	421	353	374	499	237	332
WHITE	432	163	478	366	330	366	464	152	307
TEAL	371	130	409	297	272	259	336	108	240
PAR	4	3	5	4	4	4	5	3	4

LOBLOLLY COURSE

Purple 3,551/36.6/66; Orange 3,295/35.6/63; White 3,078/34.7/61; Teal 2,350/33.4/58;

Ladies' Teal 33.5/54; Par 35

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	497	421	418	182	418	222	503	447	443
ORANGE	469	397	390	155	413	196	434	423	418
WHITE	457	346	334	136	367	138	369	366	365
TEAL	342	322	249	75	301	112	344	321	284
PAR	5	4	4	3	4	3	4	4	4

SHORT COURSE

Purple 1,640; Orange 1,415; White 1,116; Teal 745; Par 27

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	156	187	211	147	173	159	231	185	191
ORANGE	136	155	187	123	142	141	210	162	159
WHITE	118	121	151	79	109	123	123	151	141
TEAL	81	71	94	66	76	75	76	93	113
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

HIGHLANDS COURSE

Purple 3,892/38.6/70; Orange 3,580/37.1/68; White 3,296/35.8/66; Teal 2,554/34.3/63;
Ladies' Teal 35.0/64; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	493	458	457	256	430	206	561	435	596
ORANGE	442	415	437	225	390	178	523	409	561
WHITE	402	371	414	181	362	169	507	365	525
TEAL	367	253	294	115	327	120	339	305	434
PAR	4	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	5

MARSHWOOD COURSE

Purple 3,812/38.3/68; Orange 3,492/36.8/65; White 3,158/35.3/63; Teal 2,531/34.0/60;
Ladies' Teal 34.5/62; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	411	564	406	205	456	701	448	199	422
ORANGE	370	521	364	178	441	660	421	157	380
WHITE	334	483	327	137	418	616	382	113	348
TEAL	276	406	266	114	351	435	287	94	302
PAR	4	5	4	3	4	5	4	3	4

MAGNOLIA COURSE

Purple 3,699/37.4/65; Orange 3,404/36.1/62; White 3,090/34.7/59; Teal 2,471/33.3/56;
Ladies' Teal 34.0/59; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	392	205	577	546	416	480	195	437	451
ORANGE	371	155	545	516	377	441	176	409	414
WHITE	330	110	520	480	352	396	150	373	379
TEAL	252	81	392	413	291	307	111	297	327
PAR	4	3	5	5	4	4	3	4	4

SHORT COURSE

Purple 1,809; Orange 1,539; White 1,229; Teal 874; Par 27

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	199	241	216	172	174	188	232	178	209
ORANGE	164	215	181	149	137	141	197	175	180
WHITE	121	184	133	127	101	113	159	136	155
TEAL	85	108	94	83	73	76	106	113	136
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3



HIGHLAND OAKS

DOTHAN » 36 HOLES

Located in the southeast corner of Alabama, Highland Oaks offers three nine-hole championship courses. The Highlands/Magnolia combination was named by *Golf Digest's* "Places to Play" as one of the nation's Great Value courses. This 36-hole complex features some of the longest and most classically designed holes on the Trail. Each nine has a different personality. Highlands, the core nine, is relatively open with several lakes in play. The peninsula green at the par-3 sixth has an elusive, beckoning quality.

Marshwood has been made famous (or notorious) by its behemoth par-5 sixth, which stretches to 701 yards from the tips. The 422-yard par-4 ninth, a left to right dogleg, is arguably the best hole at the site and has a tilted green elevated above a swathe of wetlands. The Magnolia nine is well-named: specimen magnolia trees dot the higher ground, which is reached via a 1,000-foot long wooden bridge spanning a marsh filled with lichen-dappled trees. The feature hole is the 416-yard fifth, where a split-level fairway offers an option off the tee. The Short Course, a nine-hole par 3, has demanding bunker placements, three water holes and possibly the best putting Bermuda greens in the South. ■

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MAGNOLIA GROVE

MOBILE » 54 HOLES

The new Magnolia Grove features two renovated golf courses. Each championship course received extensive renovations in the past three years. Golfers will find more “player friendly” qualities without compromising the integrity of Robert Trent Jones’ original design.

Magnolia Grove, the most southern location on Alabama’s Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail was recently named one of the “Top 50 Public Courses” by *Golf World Magazine* readers. The Crossings and Falls courses are also listed in *Golf Digest*’s “Places to Play” as two of the nation’s great value courses and as “America’s Top 50 Affordable Courses.”

The topography at Magnolia Grove features creeks, marshland, and lakes with each of the 54 holes carved through indigenous hardwood and pine. The new Crossings Course, which hosts the LPGA Tour each spring, provides an open parkland type ambiance. Several water features and crushed oyster shell waste areas were added to provide an exciting new look. All 18 greens have been redesigned and planted with the newly acclaimed Mini Verde ultra dwarf Bermuda grass.

The renovated Falls Course reopened in October 2010 as the only par-71 golf course on the Trail. The main tract at Magnolia Grove is characterized by large, liberally contoured Mini Verde greens and massive cloverleaf bunkers. Several holes were entirely redesigned giving the course a brand new look.

Golf Digest named the Short Course at Magnolia Grove as the best par-3 course in America. The Short Course, also recently renovated, features several newly designed greens and all new putting surfaces with the acclaimed Champion ultra dwarf Bermuda grass. Renovations were complete in August 2011. This course is as good as any collection of one-shotters on a championship course. ■

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CROSSINGS COURSE

Purple 7,212/74.7/134; Orange 6,652/71.6/131; White 6,157/69.2/126;

Ladies’ Teal 5,261/69.4/115; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	422	185	385	540	430	528	412	219	406
ORANGE	387	168	347	511	392	500	385	192	381
WHITE	342	135	317	496	378	484	369	163	349
TEAL	275	101	279	478	331	425	314	122	316
PAR	4	3	4	5	4	5	4	3	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	417	398	421	559	195	423	596	226	450
ORANGE	386	364	392	524	172	400	535	201	415
WHITE	374	334	371	508	157	354	476	168	382
TEAL	348	273	285	430	99	282	425	134	344
PAR	4	4	4	5	3	4	5	3	4

FALLS COURSE

Purple 7,158/74.6/142; Orange 6,674/71.4/135; White 6,119/69.5/126; Teal 5,049/68.1/124;

Ladies’ Teal 70.4/124; Par 71

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	448	195	430	407	582	190	446	417	420
ORANGE	406	179	413	367	522	173	410	393	386
WHITE	370	152	380	345	506	143	390	372	349
TEAL	345	111	308	335	415	91	340	296	279
PAR	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	570	206	423	169	444	445	426	388	552
ORANGE	552	188	405	157	398	407	414	373	531
WHITE	523	161	370	137	369	364	351	325	512
TEAL	393	106	324	117	264	328	295	282	420
PAR	5	3	4	3	4	4	4	4	5

SHORT COURSE

Purple 3,140; Orange 2,734; White 2,279; Teal 1,829; Par 54

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	174	180	189	215	137	135	190	178	160
ORANGE	160	170	165	189	107	126	152	153	140
WHITE	119	137	124	155	91	100	127	140	126
TEAL	93	102	90	136	71	80	90	110	118
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	173	192	195	205	190	110	192	155	170
ORANGE	151	174	170	175	164	99	161	135	143
WHITE	132	132	142	143	144	85	138	111	133
TEAL	117	108	128	121	103	70	122	80	90
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

AZALEA COURSE

Purple 7,504/75.3/132; Orange 6,759/71.5/126; White 6,112/68.5/117; Teal 5,431/70.3/116;
Red 4,725/67.8/111; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	636	411	420	203	355	572	225	463	470
ORANGE	558	375	400	178	315	520	180	422	385
WHITE	490	345	353	164	288	491	159	379	372
TEAL	455	312	339	145	243	400	148	349	305
RED	410	255	303	77	216	354	120	296	293
PAR	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	429	514	448	196	545	195	471	475	476
ORANGE	389	500	398	180	531	147	428	423	430
WHITE	347	460	371	158	472	133	342	386	402
TEAL	344	420	354	117	421	107	289	349	334
RED	302	321	338	107	383	66	273	307	304
PAR	4	5	4	3	5	3	4	4	4

DOGWOOD COURSE

Purple 7,063/72.9/128; Orange 6,521/70.4/126; White 5,885/67.5/115; Teal 5,267/70.3/122;
Red 4,522/66.5/112; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	528	425	214	399	499	426	305	191	398
ORANGE	483	410	174	380	469	415	286	177	361
WHITE	425	375	167	362	442	379	262	155	328
TEAL	385	330	143	344	397	347	236	128	294
RED	335	266	105	239	346	324	221	106	256
PAR	5	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	380	445	548	233	463	454	572	209	374
ORANGE	347	415	521	191	428	424	531	176	333
WHITE	316	367	454	170	355	381	479	157	311
TEAL	296	288	390	154	335	361	408	139	292
RED	267	239	334	130	315	312	382	119	226
PAR	4	4	5	3	4	4	5	3	4



LAKEWOOD GOLF CLUB

POINT CLEAR » 36 HOLES

The venerable Dogwood and Azalea courses at The Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa, have seen a lot in their days. They've hosted President Gerald Ford, Dr. Billy Graham and Bob Hope, to name a few of the more famous players.

They've been through renovations and hurricanes and still remain a showcase for great golf in the South. First built in 1947, the Lakewood Golf Club at The Grand Hotel showcases fairways lined with 200-year-old oaks and a dramatic signature hole, the 14th on Azalea. An island green is surrounded by a four-acre lake, which makes your approach shot to this par-5 very demanding. Recently renovated, the new designs lend themselves to superb conditioning year round. With the addition or expansion of 10 water features over the span of the 36 holes as well as other interesting architectural features, golfers are faced with decisions at every corner.

Lakewood's two 18-hole courses alternate openings between Grand Hotel guests and Trail Card Holders, and Lakewood Golf Club members. The varying degree of difficulty promises a memorable golf experience for both the novice and the experienced golfer alike. Where the Dogwood course might seem a tad bit easier, and the Azalea, more of a challenge, both courses can play to your liking depending on your selection of tees. With five sets of tees per hole, your decision should be rather easy.

Funded by the Retirement Systems of Alabama, the renovation of both courses brings them on par with many of the great resort golf courses in the country. Lakewood Golf Club has several times been named to *Golf Magazine's* "Best Golf Resorts in America."

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